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Applicant : I. URATANI et al

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 18, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition and fee for a one-month Extension of Time also accompanies this response.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Appendix is attached following page 12 of this paper including:
Marked Up and Clean Copies of a Substitute Specification, and
Certified Copy of Priority Document JP2001-091635.